IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph in lines 8-18 on page 14 of the substitute specification to read as follows:

With the HA 1, since the meaning of the speech can be displayed on the display unit 26 and the meaning of the speech can be output from the loudspeaker 25 by transforming recognition results for speech detected by the user microphone 8 and/or the external microphone 11, speech recognition by the user can be improved further. Thus, in the present HA 1, since the speech information generating unit 23 executes a program that transforms results of speech recognition, and the speech recognition process can be changed responsive to the user's physical state (the extent of hearing impairment, etc.), the operating conditions, and/or the purpose for use, the semantic information of the speech may be displayed in a manner intelligible to the user, and hence the recognition thereof may be improved further.

Please amend the paragraph in lines 25-31 on page 41 of the substitute specification to read as follows:

Also, in the present HA 1, processes performed in the speech generating unit 23 for transforming raw recognition results, transformed recognition results, and photographed images (as described above) can be performed while also amplifying and adjusting the tone, gain, and compression of the detected speech electrical signal, as is done in substitute speech production methods that use a conventional, HA ~~artificial electro-larynx,~~ prior to outputting the resulting speech signal to the loudspeaker 25.